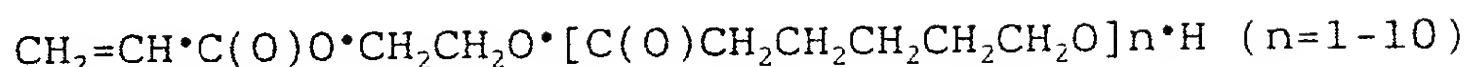


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive adhesive comprising a composition including:
  - (A) a high molecular weight polymer;
  - 5 (B) a compound containing an epoxy group; and
  - (C) a polymerization initiator which, when an activation energy is applied thereto, initiates the compound (B) to undergo a ring-opening polymerization.
2. The sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive adhesive  
10 in accordance with claim 1, wherein said high molecular weight polymer (A) is an acrylic polymer.
3. The sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive adhesive  
15 in accordance with claim 1, wherein said composition comprises 100 parts by weight of an acrylic polymer (A), 1 - 10000 parts by weight of the compound (B) and 0.01 - 1000 parts by weight of the polymerization initiator (C).
4. The sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive adhesive  
20 in accordance with claim 2, wherein the acrylic polymer (A) is a copolymer obtainable by copolymerizing a compound (a) containing at least one (meth)acryloyl group and at least one hydroxyl group per molecule with a copolymerizable monomer (b) which is copolymerizable with the compound (a).
5. The sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive adhesive  
25 in accordance with claim 4, wherein said compound (a) is at least one selected from the group consisting of the

following compounds (1) through (10):

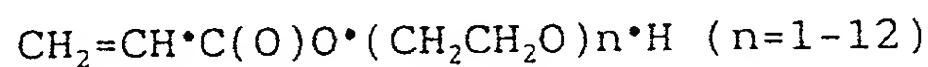
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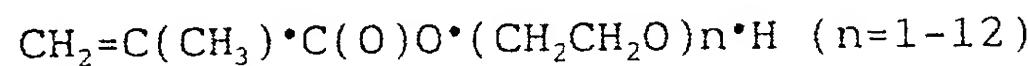
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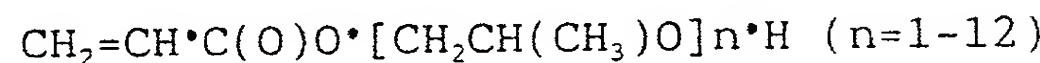
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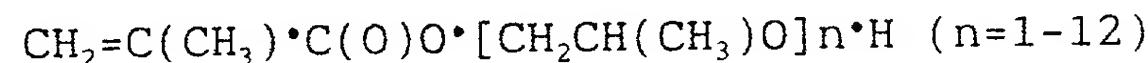
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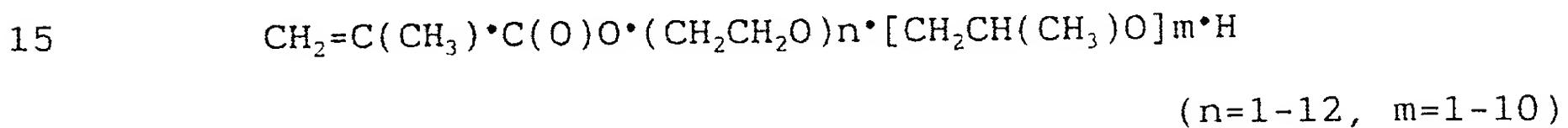
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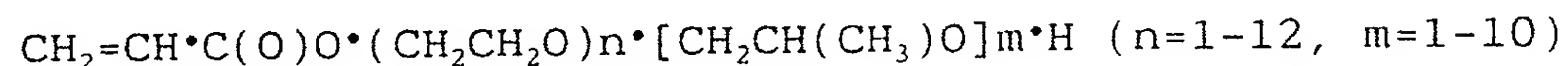
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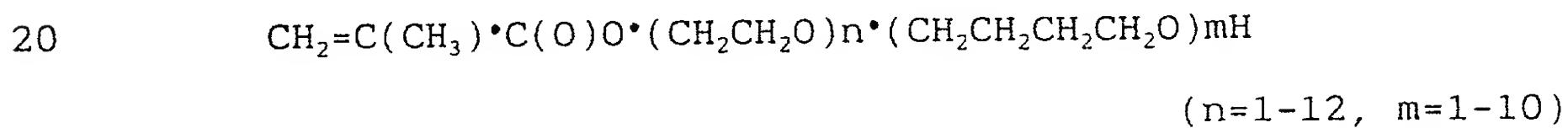
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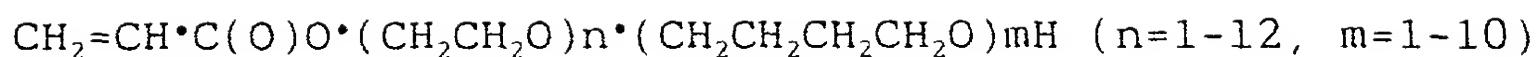
【Compound 8】



【Compound 9】



【Compound 10】



6. The sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive adhesive  
in accordance with claim 4, wherein said copolymerizable  
5 monomer (b) is selected from the group consisting of methyl  
(meth)acrylate, ethyl (meth)acrylate, cyclohexyl  
(meth)acrylate, benzyl (meth)acrylate and (meth)acrylic acid  
ester of alcohols containing a C-O-C ether bond.

7. The sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive adhesive  
10 in accordance with any one of the preceding claims 1-6,  
wherein said polymerization initiator (C) is cationic  
photopolymerization initiator.

8. The sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive adhesive  
in accordance with claim 7, wherein said cationic  
15 photopolymerization initiator is an onium salt compound.

9. The sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive adhesive  
in accordance with any one of the preceding claims 1-8,  
wherein said composition further comprises a vinyl ether  
compound.

20 10. The sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive  
adhesive in accordance with claim 9, said composition  
includes 1-30 parts by weight of the vinyl ether compound  
relative to 30-70 parts by weight of the compound (B).

25 11. A curable pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet  
comprising:

a substrate; and

a sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive adhesive in accordance with any one of the preceding claims 1-10 which is laminated onto at least one surface of said substrate.

5        12. A method for joining members comprising the steps of:

          placing a sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive adhesive in accordance with any one of preceding claims 1-10 on one of said members; and

10        irradiating the sheet-form, curable pressure-sensitive adhesive with an ultraviolet light having an intensity greater than 1 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> in a wavelength range exceeding 300 nm, either before or after said one member is adhered to another member via the sheet-form, curable pressure-

15        sensitive adhesive.

13. An energy polymerizable composition which is pressure-sensitive in its ordinary state and is capable of being cured upon application of an activation energy thereto, said composition comprising:

20        (A) a high molecular weight polymer;

          (B) a compound containing an epoxy group; and

          (C) a polymerization initiator which, when said activation energy is applied thereto, initiates the compound (B) to undergo a ring-opening polymerization.